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Statement by Senator James E. Risch on TARP (the Troubled Assets Relief Program)

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"When the Department of the Treasury cannot clearly detail how it spent the first half of the money, I cannot in good conscience give my approval to release the second half. We do know most of that money was not spent as Congress had been told. Before I can support any further economic stimulus measures I want to see concrete plans that provide real jobs for people who need them, financial backing for businesses that can create new jobs, and accountability to show if the programs are working. Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is going."